

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Stone S3966

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 there personally appeared in open court before William Edwards, Thomas Anderson & John L. Swaney, Esquires, Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Session of said County now sitting, Stephen Stone, a resident citizen of said County, aged Eighty one or two years, having lost the register of his age who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 1832.

That the applicant entered the service first in the year 1776 or 1777 in Hanover County, State of Virginia as a drafted militia man for the term of three months, that he joined his company at Hanover Court House & was commanded by Captain William Winston, that he was marched from Hanover Courthouse down to Williamsburg & was stationed there until his term of service expired when he was discharged. After this the applicant was drafted as many as four times for the term of three months each & hired a man to take his place as it was not convenient for him to leave his family. Sometime, he believes, in the year 1781 he was again drafted for the term of three months, that he was mustered into service at Richmond, that the company he belonged to was commanded by Captain Hardiman [Hardyman?], that he was a stranger to the applicant & he does not recollect his given name. The regiment and the field officer he does not recollect, that he continued at Richmond during his term of service when he was discharged. He does not know what has become of his discharge, that he was born in Caroline County, State of Virginia, about the year 1750—that he resided in Hanover County when he entered service, that he removed from Hanover County to Sumner County, Tennessee, where he now resides & has lived for more than thirty years—that he has no written or documentary evidence of his services—that he was a private soldier.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & Declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to in open court August 22, 1832.

S/ Stephen Stone, X his mark

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

I John Tinsley, residing in Sumner County, hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Stephen Stone who has sworn & subscribed the above declaration for a pension, that we believe him to be eighty one or two years of age, that he is reputed & believed to be a soldier of the Revolution in the neighborhood where he resides & we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to in open court August 22, 1832

S/ John Tinsley

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

We, Joseph B. Wymes, a clergyman, & Alfred H. Douglass hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Stephen Stone who has subscribed & sworn the above declaration for a pension, & that we know him to be a man of unexceptionable Moral Character & that any statement of his would be entitled to full credit.

Sworn to in open court August 22, 1832

S/ Joseph B. Wymes

S/ A. H. Douglass

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]